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reports on Black Sea ports

Subject

sighting of unidentified naval vessels and merchant ships in the Black Sea and in Braila and Zhdanov; port installations and controls in Braila and Zhdanov.

Sighting of Soviet naval and merchant vessels in the Sea of Marmara, in Kherson and Zhdanov; port facilities and controls in Kherson and Zhdanov

Sighting of unidentified Soviet naval vessels, including one submarine; radar station, tower for unidentified purpose, coastal batteries on Ostrov Nikolayev; shipyard activity in Kherson

Searchlights in the Ochakov area; navigational data on Ostrov Nikolayev; shipbuilding activity, installations, and vessels in Kherson.

Routine port activity in Tuapse.

Routine port activity in Poti; sighting of three small naval vessels, similar to the KRONSH'TADT-class subchasers.

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Port controls at Odessa and Kherson; shipyard activity and naval vessels in Kherson; prohibited area near Constanta.

Sighting of Soviet naval vessels in the port of Novorossiysk, including unidentified small craft

Installations in Kamysch Burun Harbor,

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1. [redacted] Att [redacted] the coastal section before the entrance of the Strait of Kerch was observed from the sea roadstead from a distance of about 1.5 nautical miles. According to the nautical chart, the town of Kamysh Burunski is located at this part of the coast and about 7 to 8 km south of the town of Kerch. A bay bordered by a spit extending north-northeast is indicated by the chart east of the town, while west of the town a large lake is situated. Data as to the existence of a harbor in this area of Kerch Peninsula are not entered in the chart. It was observed, however, that a considerable number of modern cranes with high booms quay sheds or warehouses were in existence behind the afore mentioned headland. The quay installations were for the most part obstructed to view by the spit which ended with a turn toward northwest. Masts, bridge superstructures, and stack caps of naval vessels, which may have been destroyers or cruisers, were seen inside the bay. The ships' hulls were not to be seen.

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2. During an observation period of about two and a half hours, five barge trains, that is tugs with one or two boats, coming from the Sea of Azov, entered the harbor and three other trains of similar formation put to sea toward the Sea of Azov. In the harbor area as well as north and west of it, a large number of factories, shipyard installations with high chimneys and other large buildings were located. They included two hauling plants which extended from the hills beyond the town down to the harbor terrain.

[redacted] Comment. The report concurs with available records, according to which a naval construction shipyard for craft of up to about destroyer size is located in Kamysh Burunski. The shipyard was established during the war and, after the war, improved and enlarged by means of installations dismantled from the Neptun Shipyard in Rostock. Kamysh Burunski is not a naval base. It seems, however, that town and harbor are being improved and enlarged at a large scale so as to take over the functions previously executed by Kerch since Kerch was destroyed almost completely during the war. SECRET

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Kherson and the NIKOLAEV-CHAKOV area.

OCHAKOV: Large, strong searchlights were observed in this area. The channel from this area up to the mouth of the Dneiper River had red and green lights. The green lights were on the right as one goes towards the port of Kherson. The distance between the same colored lights was 1.5 miles. Red posts were located between the lights and at every 50 meters. No searchlights were observed from this area up to Kherson. On the basis of the routing of the channel, no walls are found up to the entrance to the Dneiper River. Informant returned by daylight.

NIKOLAEV ISLAND:

There is a lighthouse located at the Northern side of the island which has a steady red light just as indicated on the chart. At a short distance, further east, there is another light which is white. The chart indicates this light to be green. This light is located on top of a netted iron square column. The width between its supports is about 8 meters and it has a height of about 20 meters. Nothing else outside of the light was on top of the column.

There is a breakwater along the entire length of the eastern side of the island. Many columns were observed on top of this breakwater which took up the entire length and width. They were black and probably made of iron. The columns were thin, 5-6 inches, and had a height of 7-8 meters. There was a white light on top of the columns.

No searchlights or radar were observed on the island

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it was a Naval Base, 4-5 small, one-story buildings were observed on the northern portion of the island near the lighthouse and the columns. Nothing else was observed. No personnel was within the buildings or near them. The roofs were probably made of concrete. They were flat.

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I- ORGANIZATION:

- 1- 20 oil tanks of medium size were observed here. They were about the size of those at Drapetsona. A small, wooden pier with 2-3 slips was observed in front of the oil tanks.
- 2- Two shipbuilding grids were observed ~~on the other side of~~ the shore. A ship was being built, (5-6000 tons) on the one on the right going up. Only the hold had been built. It had no superstructure. There was no ship on the grid on the left.

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A crane located between the two grids which served both of them.

The direction of the drydocks create an impression because older information, (pictures) derive that the building slips are installed towards the direction of the current of the river and at its most southern point. It is probably that they may ^{be} the drydocks mentioned in a previous report which could have been changed over to shipbuilding.

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At the interior

and the silo site, a gypsum burner was observed. It had three built smokestacks. They had a height of 10 meters.

it had 7-8 ovens. Fire was coming out of the smokestacks.

II- DOCKED SHIPS:

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a) MERCHANT SHIPS:

There were also 7 old Soviet ships of 6-8000 tons.

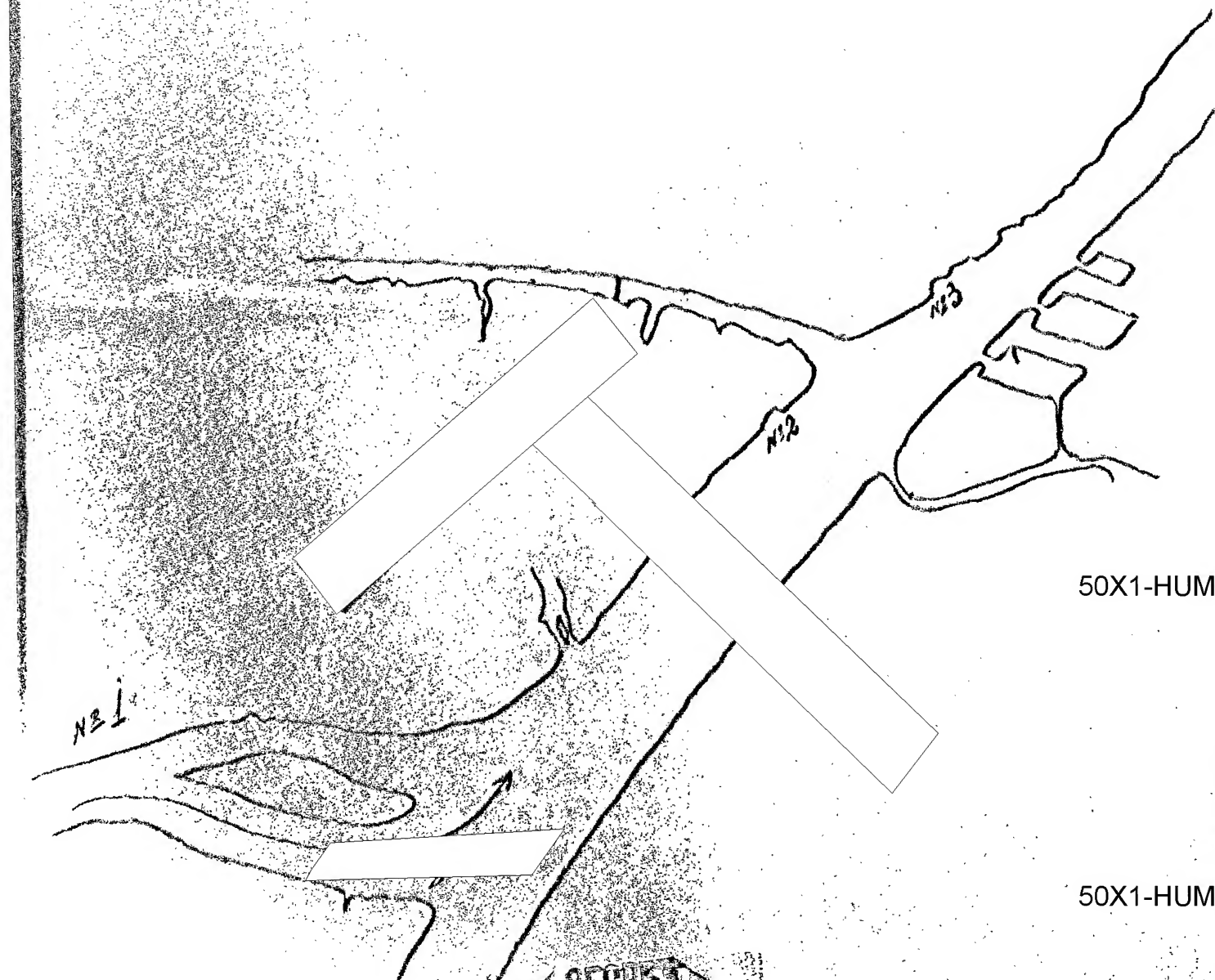
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2- The following ships were at the petroleum pier: One 15000 ton Yugoslav tanker taking a load for RIJEKA (FIUME) and the Soviet 20000 ton ship, "LENIN", whose destination was ODESSA.

The following ships were at the old pier: One Soviet freighter 4-5⁰⁰⁰ tons which was loading general merchandise.

The following ships were at the new pier loading lumber: Two small 1000-1500 ton ships.

A barge of approximately 2000 tons was at the petroleum pier. On it was machinery used for port work as well as a crane, concrete mixer, diggers, and others. 50X1-HUM

3- Work on the construction of the two warships mentioned

continues intensively. They have already finished half of the outside covering. 50X1-HUM

No amphibious trucks were observed. Of the two small aircraft

one of them had been hoisted on land.

the propellers of the craft were in the middle and slightly sternwise to the bridge as in the diagram below: 50X1-HUM



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4- No other warship was observed.

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GENERAL INFORMATIONI - ORGANIZATION

1. Location where the signal station is housed in a one-story, square building.

Signals are hoisted on top of the building.

II - DOCKED SHIPS:

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There were no other foreign ships in port

There were also

about ten small Soviet ships.

3. Location ~~where~~ ^{of} a moored destroyer

it was under

repair.

b) WARSHIPS

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4. No warship or submarine was located here.

Three small warships were firing on targets outside the port

The ships' lines are similar to the KRONSHADT CLASS.

In respect to its armature, the ships had the similarity of the KRONSHADT CLASS except that they did not have the stern tower. They had davits only. The prow had a twin tower.

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III - PROTECTION:

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5. Two rows of barbed wire were observed in this area moored on buoys.

IV - NAVIGATION:

6. Location where a drydock is located. Two small warships were on drydock.

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7. A vice type dredger was operating at this location which is the entrance to the port.

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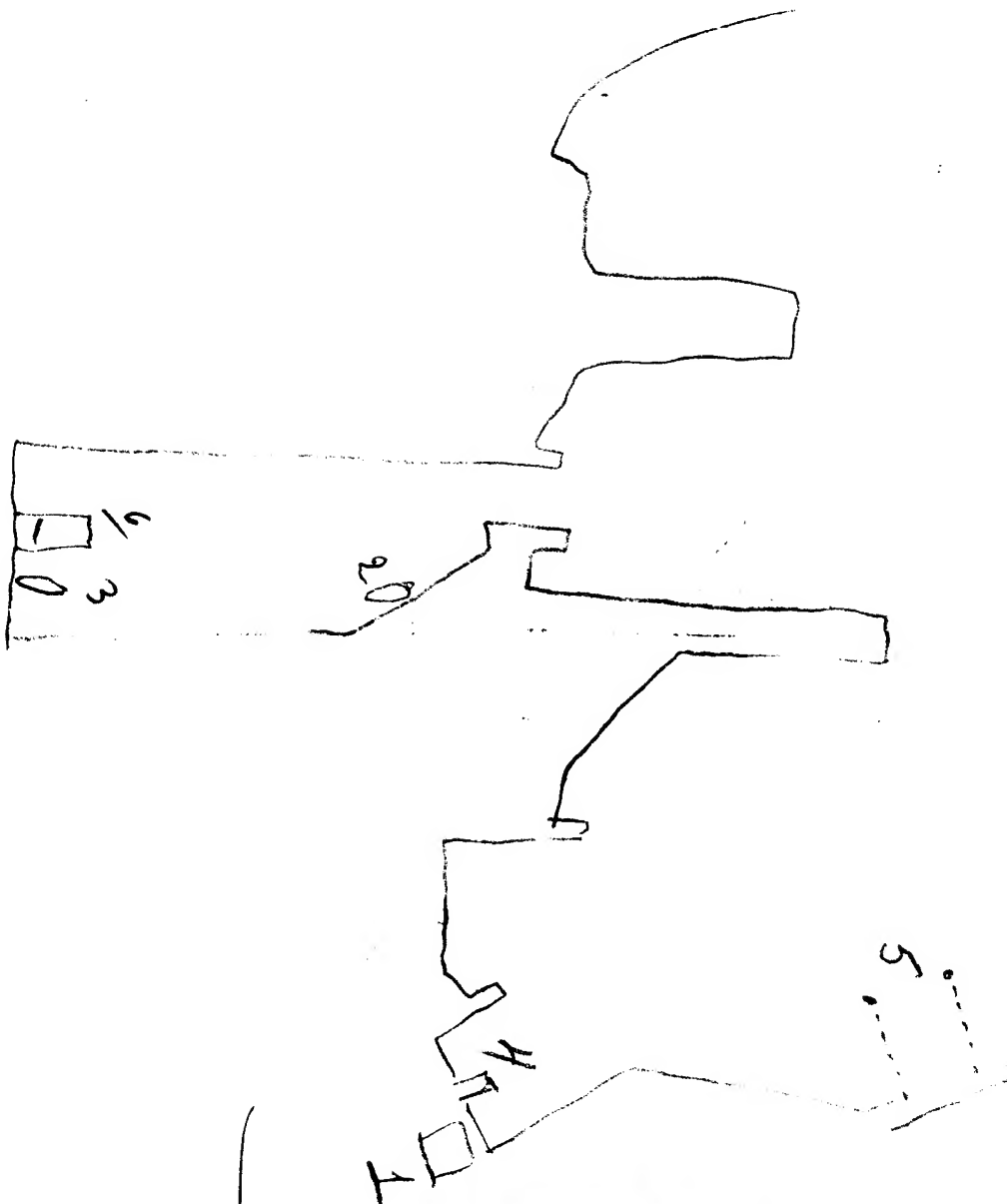
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SUBJECT ODESSA-KHERSON-CONSTANTA

[redacted] at ODESSA [redacted] the currency rate between the dollar and the
ruble had been rearranged. Officially, the rate is \$1 to 10 rubles. Before, it was
\$1 to 4 rubles.

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a) There were two cement drydocks docked at point "A". They were empty. The drydocks can take ships of 3000-4000 tons.

b) *A 10000 ton tanker is under construction at point "B" where there is a shipyard?*
x) [redacted] a shipyard is under construction at point "B".

5- [redacted] a Soviet ship at ODESSA [redacted] It looked like a sister-ship to the "ELLE II". [redacted] It had no exceptional equipment and it had no radar.

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6- Approximately 6 miles East of the main breakwater outside the harbor, a Soviet warship was firing at a target [redacted] The ship was of the G. CORDI type. The target was tugged into port during the late afternoon hours by a ship similar to a torpedo boat.

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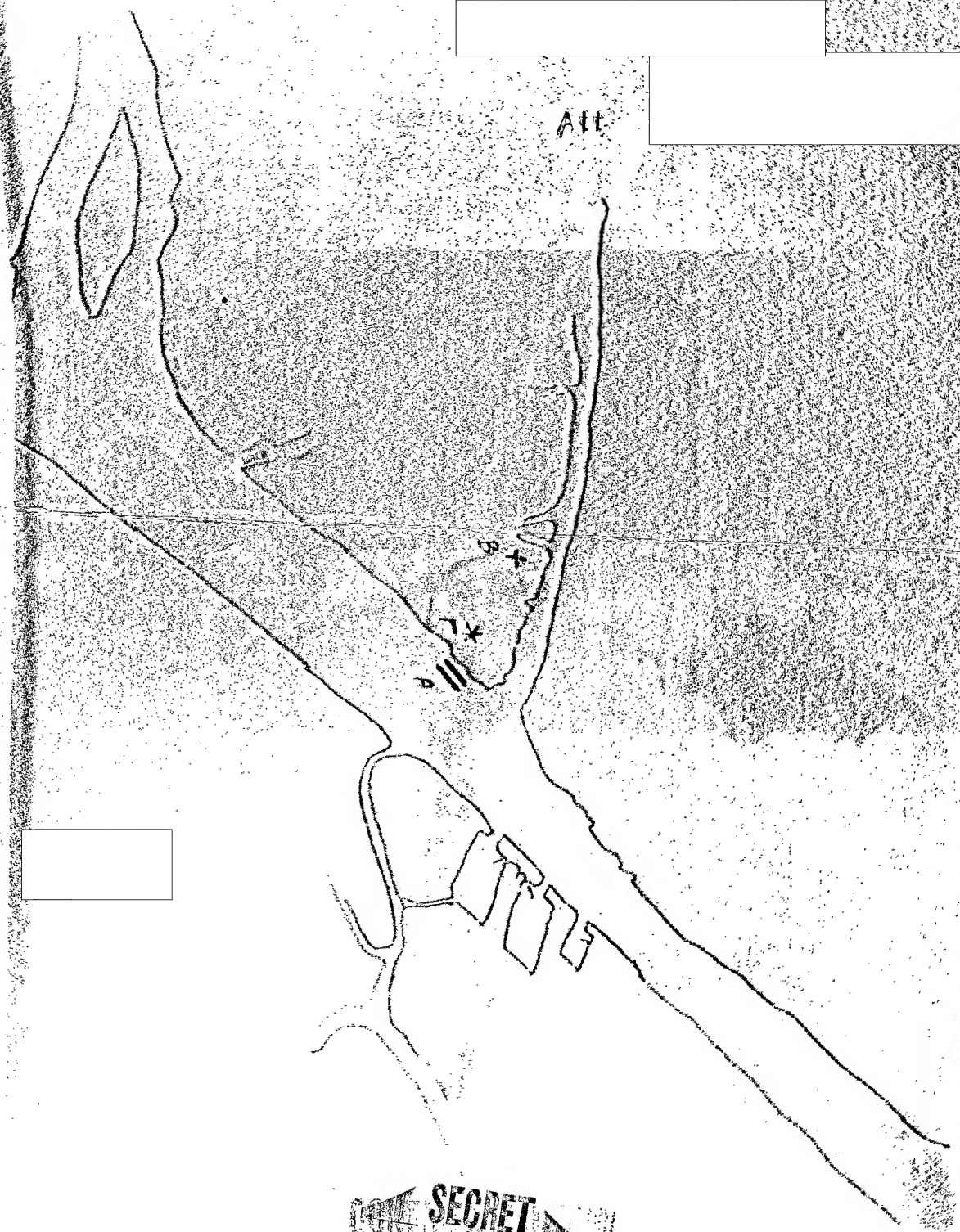
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7- While sailing towards CONSTANTIA [redacted] the ship received a wireless signal, an announcement to sailing ships, in English. Ships were prohibited to touch the area on the right of the entrance beacon, 6 miles East, and 6 miles North, approximately a square, from 0500 to 0900 hours, (GMT).

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